



Senate

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File No. 237

Senate Bill No. 774

Senate, April 11, 2001

The Committee on Planning and Development reported through SEN. DAILY of the 33rd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BLIGHT ORDINANCES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subparagraph (H) (xv) of subdivision (7) of subsection (c) of section
2 7-148 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is
3 substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (xv) Make and enforce regulations preventing housing blight,
5 including regulations reducing assessments, provided such regulations
6 define housing blight, and including regulations establishing a duty to
7 maintain property and specifying standards to determine if there is
8 neglect; prescribe fines for the violation of such regulations of not less
9 than ten nor more than one hundred dollars for each day that a
10 violation continues and, if such fines are prescribed, such municipality
11 shall adopt a citation hearing procedure in accordance with section 7-
12 152c.

PD *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Affected Agencies: None

Municipal Impact: Potential Indeterminate Cost, Potential
Minimal Revenue Gain

Explanation**Municipal Impact:**

This bill allows municipalities to adopt regulations regarding housing blight that establish a duty to maintain property and that specify standards to determine if there is neglect. It is expected that interested municipalities will be able to adopt such regulations within their normal administrative actions.

Municipalities that choose to implement such regulations may be required to hold additional citation hearings if more property owners are found in violation of the regulations and request such hearings. This could lead to additional administrative costs to these municipalities, which cannot be determined at this time. The municipalities may also realize a minimal revenue gain due to the imposition of fines for violations of the new blight regulations.

OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL BLIGHT ORDINANCES.**SUMMARY:**

This bill authorizes municipalities to make and enforce property maintenance regulations that must include standards to determine neglect. Current law allows municipalities to make regulations preventing housing blight and to impose fines of from \$10 to \$100 a day for each violation. The bill authorizes the same level of daily fines for each violation of property maintenance regulations. As under current law, if a municipality chooses to impose fines, it must adopt a citation hearing procedure as set by statutes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

COMMITTEE ACTION

Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Report

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